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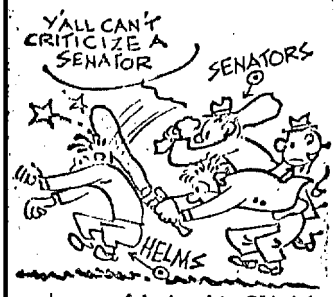
Is It a Sin to Criticize Sen. J. W. Fulbright?

To the Editor:

What makes it a sin to criticize a Senator? I am referring to your editorial of July 18... titled "Brickbats for Fulbright" and Richard Helms' letter to you commending you on this editorial.

Freedom of speech only applies to a certain element, I presume. Mr. Helms stands



a chance of losing his CIA job just because he wrote this letter.

He was not divulging any secrets of the CIA... only voicing his personal opinion.

Also, what happened to Senator Symington (Dem.), Missouri? The Globe-Democrat has always treated Senator Symington with the utmost respect. However, the Senator didn't see fit to stick up for his backers when Senator Fulbright called the Globe a "radical" newspaper.

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Hackles Rose

To the Editor:

After reading even the headline "Helms Criticized in Senate for Anti-Fulbright Letter" in today's New York Times my hackles rose.

Believe me, I am fearful of any repression of freedom of speech.

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